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Won. S. P. CHASE, Secretary of the Treasury :

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tout regard to his citizen-the last civil and social . Upon the whole, therefore, it is the judgment of this Court that it appears by the record before us that the plainties in error is not a citizen of Missouri, in the sense in which that word is used in the Constitution, and that the Circuit Cours of the United States, for that reason, had no jurisdiction is fine case, and could give no judgment in it. Its judgment for the defendant must, consequently, be reversed, and a mandate itsued, directing the suit to be dismissed for want of

And now, upon the whole matter, I give it as my opinion that the free man of color, mentioned in your letter, if both in the United States, is a citizen of the United States, and i otherwise qualitied, is competent, according to the acts Congress, to be muster of a vessel engaged in the coastil

All of which is respectfully submitted by your obelies EDWARD BATES, Attorney-General FIRE IS WALKER STREET, -About 220 o'close

yesterday morning, a fire occurred in the premise No. 102 Walker street, occupied as workshops. The not have grades and classes of channes, higher and fire was discovered on the second floor, and was caused by an overheated stove setting fire to some light wood casing. The flames extended to the third fourth, and fifth floors. The second floor was occa-